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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT

1. AMB BENNETT, ACTING AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
BROUGHT SC MEMBERS UP TO DATE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
REQUEST FOR SC MEETING ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT AT INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 9. FRENCH PERMREP
DE GUIRINGAUD THEN SPOKE, INDICATING HIS PREPAREDNESS
TO SHOW IN FORMAL SC SESSION, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS,
THAT SOMALI ALLEGATIONS OF FRENCH AGGRESSION WERE WITHOUT
FOUNDATION. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, HE CONTINUED, SOMALIS
BELIEVED A BILATERAL SOLUTION STILL POSSIBLE, FRANCE
WOULD NOT INSIST UPON A MEETING; NEVERTHELESS, IF FRANCE
IS NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE SUCH A HOPE, WHY SHOULD IT DELAY
A MEETING? DE GUIRINGAUD ASKED OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
WHETHER THEY COULD SHED LIGHT ON SOMALI POSITION.
REPS OF LIBYA, TANZANIA, BENIN, AND ROMANIA PROPOSED
FORMAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, BENIN ADDING THAT SUCH A MEETING
SHOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IF ITS IS NECESSARY FOLLOWING SC
PRESIDENT'S TALKS WITH FRENCH AND SOMALIS.
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2. DE GUIRINGAUD STATED THAT SINCE IT APPEARED THAT OTHERS WERE HOPEFUL, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY 10 IN THE HOPE THAT BILATERAL TALKS COULD SETTLE THE MATTER. PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WOULD LEAVE THE MATTER UP TO SC PRESIDENT UNTIL MORNING FEBRUARY 10. SC PRESIDENT MOYNIHAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS AGREEABLE TO TALKING WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES.

3. FOLLOWNG CONSULTATIONS, TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM TOLD SC PRESIDENT MOYNIHAN THAT ALTHOUGH, HE, SALIM, WOULD SPEAK TO SOMALIS, HE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT HE COULD DISSUADE THEM FROM MEETING. QUESTION REMAINED FOR SALIM, HOWEVER, AS TO WHAT SPECIFICALLY SOMALIS SOUGHT FROM THE MEETING.

4. ALSO FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS, FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD SC PRESIDENT MOYNIHAN THAT HE HAD INFORMED SOMALIS AND SALIM THAT FRANCE HAS EVIDENCE AS TO HOW SOMALIA BACKED THE KIDNAPPING AND ALLOWED ACCOMPLICES TO BE ON THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER, AND THAT FIRING ON THE FRENCH DID INDEED TAKE PLACE FROM SOMALI SIDE OF BORDER. (FRENCH, HE ADDED, HAVE "STRONG SUSPICION" SOMALI REGULARS WERE AMONG THOSE INVOLVED.) DE GUIRINGAUD SAID HE IMAGINES THAT TANZANIANS AND OTHER AFRICANS ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE AFRICANS SPLIT IN PUBLIC ONCE AGAIN. HE ADDED THAT SOMALI PERMREP WAS ASKING HIS GOVT ONCE MORE WHETHER A MEETING WERE NECESSARY OR WHETHER THE MATTER COULD BE SETTLED THROUGH A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT POSSIBLY INVOLVING, INTER ALIA, A FRENCH STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT THE KILLINGS ON SOMALI SIDE OF BORDER BY THE FRENCH WERE "A MISTAKE."
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